

Franklin Building (Liberty Bank)
658-660 South Fourth Avenue
Louisville
Jefferson County
Kentucky

HABS No. KY-176

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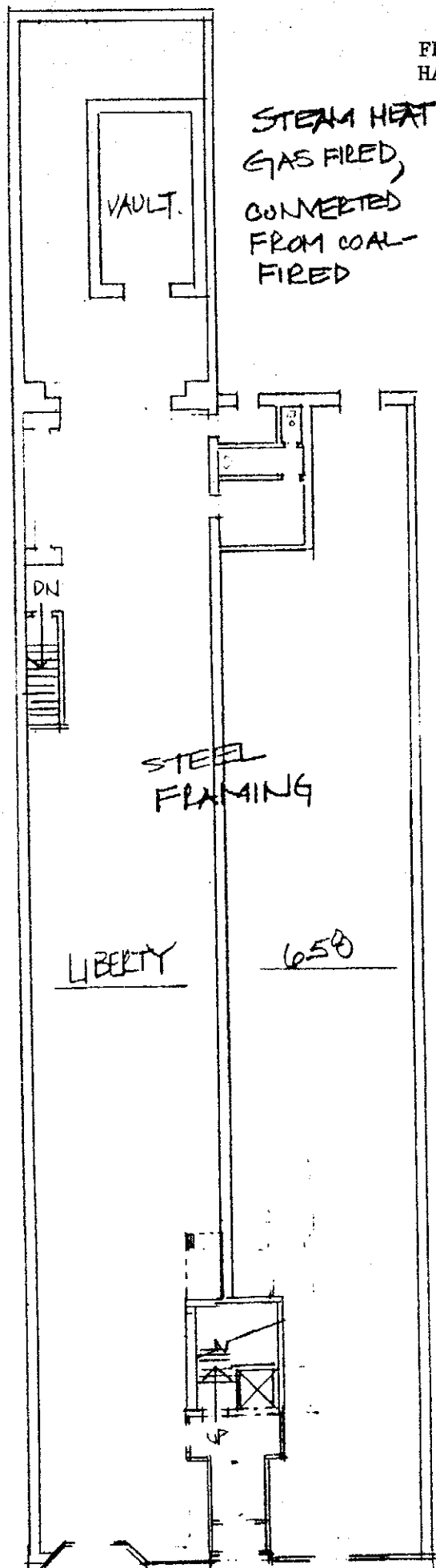
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Kentucky	COUNTY Jefferson	TOWN OR VICINITY Louisville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Franklin Building (Caron Directory)		HABS NO. KY-176
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Liberty Bank		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 658-60 S. Fourth Ave		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1913 (Caron Directory)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) McDonald & Dodd (Building Permits)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This structure is a vernacular, small-scale example of the Classical Revival style, popular in downtown structures in Louisville. It is not an unusual building for the period and a minor work of the regionally prominent, architectural		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Classical Revival/Commercial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with steel framing		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 56' x 200' -four stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The facade is clad in brown pressed brick with darker brick laid in geometric patterns in the spandrels. The extended cornice is metal with dentils and brackets.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES First floor facade clad in marble-Walter Wagner, Jr. architect, 1928 ("Liberty Insurance Bank opens New Headquarters," <u>Louisville Courier-Journal</u> 17 Jan 1928)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Currently houses a bank and offices. Structure in good condition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Built by prominent Louisvillian, Issac Starks named for his son, Franklin.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) "Building Permits" <u>Louisville Courier-Journal</u> 17 March 1911. Caron Directory of Louisville. Louisville: C. K. Caron, 1911-1920. Hedgepeth, Marty, "The Victorian to the Beaux-Arts: A study of Four Louisville Architectural Firms," Master Thesis, University of Louisville, 1981. p. 105		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Marty Hedgepeth Director of Research Louisville Landmarks Commission		DATE March, 1983



658-660 South 4th Avenue

ADDENDUM
FRANKLIN BUILDING (Commercial Building)
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